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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: RESCIND JULY 4TH INVITATIONS TO
IRANIAN OFFICIALS

REF: A) STATE 60331 B) STATE 55537 C) 03 STATE 67064

¶1. (U) This is an action request. Please see para 2.

¶2. (SBU) ACTION: Posts are to rescind all invitations that have been extended to Iranian diplomats for July 4th events. Unfortunately, circumstances have changed, and participation by Iranian diplomats would not be appropriate in light of the unjust actions that the President and I have condemned. For invitations which have been extended, posts should make clear that Iranian participation is no longer appropriate in the current circumstances. For invitations which have not been extended, no further action is needed.

¶3. (SBU) The United States condemns the violence, suppression of peaceful demonstrations, and the unwarranted arrests that have taken place in Iran. We have made it clear that the United States respects the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran and is not interfering with Iran's affairs. But we will not turn a blind eye to Iran's treatment of its citizens, and will continue to monitor the events that take place in Iran. The President has made clear that U.S. concerns over Iran's nuclear program, its support for terrorism, and abuse of human rights remain unchanged. We have offered Iran a path to address the concerns of the international community. It is up to Iran to take advantage of that path. As the President said, if the Iranian government seeks the respect of the international community, it must respect universal human rights and heed the will of its own people.

¶4. (U) For additional guidance, please contact the Office of Iranian Affairs at (unclassified) NEA-Iran-DC-DL@state.gov or (classified) NEA-Iran-DC-DL@state.sgov.gov.

¶5. (U) Minimize considered.
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